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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/680,584	<b>Applicant(s)</b> KENNY ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Terrell L Mckinnon	<b>Art Unit</b> 3743	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

**Period for Reply**

**A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.**

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-62,64 and 66-104 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) 65 and 105 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 61-68 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14,17-19,21,22,24,29-40,42-47,49,50,52,59,61-76,83,97-99 and 104 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 15,16,20,23,25-28,41,48,51,53-58,60,77-82,84-96 and 100-103 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>6/7;7/21;9/7;10/8</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |

***Response to Amendment***

Receipt is acknowledged of applicant's amendment filed August 30, 2004.  
Claims 1-62,64 and 66-104 are pending and an action on the merits is as follows.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-62,64 and 66-104 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-14, 17-19, 21, 22, 24, 29-40, 42-47, 49, 50, 52, 59, 61-76, 83, 97-99 and 104 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chu et al. (U.S. 5,269,372).

Chu discloses and intersecting flow network for a cooling system comprising all of the applicant's claimed and disclosed limitations of the instant invention ( see abstract; column 1, lines 8-12, column 1, lines 47-60, column 2, lines 30-35).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

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the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chu et al. (U.S. 5,269,372) in view of Chu et al. (U.S. 6,253,835).

Chu's ('372) invention discloses all of the claimed limitations from above except for the fluid being a two phase flow fluid; at least a portion of the fluid undergoes a transition between single and two phase flow conditions in the interface layer.

5. However, Chu ('835) teaches fluid being a two phase flow fluid; at least a portion of the fluid undergoes a transition between single and two phase flow conditions in the interface layer (column 4, lines 56-63).

Given the teachings of Chu, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the cooling system of Chu ('372) with fluid being a two phase flow fluid; at least a portion of the fluid undergoes a transition between single and two phase flow conditions in the interface layer.

Doing so would provide an alternate cooling medium for improved heat transfer.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

6. Claims 61-68 are allowed.
7. Claims 15, 16, 20, 23, 25-28, 41, 48, 51, 53-58, 60, 77-82, 84-96 and 100-103 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed September 21, 2004 have been fully considered but they are found not persuasive in view of the newly discovered references to Chu et al (U.S. 5,269,372) and Chu et al. (U.S. 6,253,835).

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terrell L Mckinnon whose telephone number is 571-272-4797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Bennett can be reached on 571-272-4791. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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